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Dear Property Owner,

If you have already cleared your property of fire debris from the October wildfires, you may disregard this letter.

If you own property in the unincorporated area of San Diego County that currently contains structure fire debris from the October wildfires, this notice has important information for you.

STRUCTURE FIRE DEBRIS

A study the County of San Diego conducted determined structure fire debris resulting from the October wildfires contains material that may present risks to the health and safety of humans and to water quality. To eliminate these risks structure fire debris must be removed in a timely manner and disposed of properly.

PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Beginning March 15th, 2004 the County will begin notifying property owners of possible Public Nuisance Abatement action against properties not moving forward with removal of structure fire debris from the October 2003 wildfires. Because these Public Nuisance Abatements are only for fire debris that may be transported by wind or rain, structures such as foundations, walls, and sidewalks do not need to be removed by March 15, 2004. Partially or completely burned vegetation also does not present a hazard and therefore does not need to be removed by March 15th.

COUNTY ASSISTANCE

To help property owners with fire debris removal and disposal, the County is offering two programs that will provide assistance to fire victims:

1. The County will supply large containers, placed in the public right-of-way, that can be used to dispose of fire debris. The County, at its expense, will then dispose of these materials.

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2. The County will clean your property of structure fire debris. This program is designed to be of no cost to property owners above what is covered by insurance.

If you are interested in either of these programs, you may call the County's Debris Removal Hotline at **1-877-663-0391**. Hotline operators are available to explain details of each program.

Your cooperation in removing fire debris that may cause public health and safety risks is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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